Local Matters.

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Be Careful.

Those of our citizens who are compelled to visit Baltimore should be careful in what parts of the city they go, as the small pox is raging in some parts of it, notably in the Southern part of the city. There were over 600 cases reported in one day last week. The city authorities are reported as using every means in their power to prevent the further spread of the disease, and it is hoped that they will be successful.

The January Moon.

The January moon fulls on the 23d at thirty-one minutes past 2 o'clock in the morning. The moon is nearest to the earth on the 12th, and "runs high" on the 19th. The winter nights will be superb about this time, for the moon rising high in the heavens, near the full, and the brilliant Jupiter, will, on cloudless nights, flood the frost-bound earth with silvery light. At such times it is radiantly beautiful.

Weather Clerks.

One of our humorous exchanges says: Between Wiggins and Vennor, the two weather clerks, we may look out for some "whip saw" weather this winter While one is pulling for a blizzard the other is hauling away at a thaw, so that people won't know whether to set out cabbage plants or blanket the cow, and they are just as liable as not to haul the North Pole down to this country and set it up for a monument and at the same time import a hot wave and the yellow fever.

Holiday Presents.

It is the custom of all who can afford it to make Presents to friends and loved ones at least once a year, and a real good habit it is. The only matter that bothers givers is what to buy. We come to the rescue, and suggest, is there anything more useful than a Suit for your boy or husband, especially when you can get quality, fit and the lowest prices in the State from C. H. OEHM & SON, Hanover and Pratt Sts., Baltimore.

Ice on the River.

The weather was again very cold on Sunday night and more ice formed in the Potomac river, which has still further interrupted navigation. The steamer Arrowsmith started on her way down the river Monday morning, but returned after proceeding a short distance below Fort Foote, as the ice had been gorged there and it was impossible to push through it. The steamer Excelsior, due in Alexandria from Norfolk Monday morning, had not arrived at 4 o'clock, and it is supposed she had some trouble with the ice. The steamer City of Alexandria, which had a hole cut in her side Sunday, was repaired at once, and resumed her trips on the Washington Ferry line Monday, and now both boats are running on that route. Reports are that the ice is interfering with oystermen in their dredging.

Personal.

The following item we clip from the *National Republican* of Washington. Major Clarke is well and favorably known to many people of our county, as he was for a number of years the mail agent over the Pope's Creek Road, and serving in that capacity made many friends in our midst. He will also be remembered for the very interesting and entertaining lecture which he delivered in our court house, last fall, for the benefit of the building fund of Christ Church. We wish him every success in his journalistic labors, and in this wish we are joined by his numerous friends in this section.

Major F. M. Clarke has assumed the managing editorship of the *Sunday Record*, and the last issue of that paper gave evidence of the energy and brilliancy which will characterize his administration. He is a fluent and graceful writer, is well posted upon affairs and will no doubt make the *Record* a perfect success.

The Bird of Wisdon.

The genial professor of our causeway academy has distinguished himself by slaying an owl, and that too in the broad daylight, when, as is well known, the bird could not see him as he shoved the gun under his throat. The wise bird was discovered by the children perched upon the eaves of the house on Wednesday last, and they immediately informed he professor of the fact, and he, feeling no doubt that the bird was caricaturing the look of wisdom, which the professor usually wore on his handsome counterance, determined to slay it. He procured a gun and valiantly did the work as above stated. He then carefully wrapped it in his silk handkerchief and sent it to a lady in this village with the message, that "as he had not a photograph of himself convenient he sent her the nearest approach to it that he could find." She appreciated the gift and has had the "bird of wisdom" stuffed. She stuffed the bird with straw but she stuffs the Prof. with "taffy," that is the one difference between the two emblems of wisdom.

Frozen to Death.

On Thursday morning of last week while Mr. Robert Marbury, of Glymont, was going through Mattawoman swamp he found a man so bradly frozen that he was lying prostrate and perfectly unconscious. Mr. Marbury, with considerable difficulty, succeded in carrying the man to his (Mr.s.) house, but notwithstanding all efforts were made and every restorative applied to resuscitate him, he died a few minutes after reaching the house. The name of the unfortunate man was John Francis Bell, and it is supposed he was so much under the influence of liquor that he was overcome by its effects, and being exposed to the extreme cold of Wednesday night, froze to death.—*Alex Gazette.*

The above report, from the information we have been able to get is somewhat inaccurate, though the fact of the death of the party referred to is correct as stated. It seems that Bell who lived near Pisgah had been to Glymont on Wednesday intending to take the boat to Washington, but failing to meet his brother there as he expected, he set out to return home through the deep snow on foot. It seems, too, that he was somewhat under the influence of liquor. He was found on Thursday morning on a by-road not far from Mr. Marbury's house, having apparently sank by the wayside from intoxication or exhaustion during the night previous. He was badly frozen, as stated, and in an unconscious condition. He was taken to Mr. Marbury's house, where every attention was rendered him, but all efforts to revive him were unavailing. He was subsequently taken to his home where he died without recovering consciousness. He was a middle aged white man, a native of Charles county and unmarried.

Death of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd.

Dr. Samuel A. Mudd died at his residence near Bryantown, in this county on Wednesday, of last week, after a short illness of pneumonia.—So short had been his illness that no information of it had been received here, and being, as he was, in the prime of manly vigor, the sudden intelligence of his death received here on Friday was as great a surprise as it was an unfeigned and universal regret.

In the death of Dr. Mudd, Charles county has lost one of her most honored citizens, the profession a learned and useful member, while his family must endure the loss of a kind, loving and painstaking husband and father. He was ever ready to lend his aid and assistance to the poor and needy, and around the bed of pain and suffering his generous nature was ever ready to extend comfort and solace, with his means and the talents with which God had endowed him.

In the death of Dr. Mudd has passed from earth, the last of those who were associated in the assassination of the lamented President Lincoln. As free from any guilty connection with conspirators in this crime, which will ever darken the pages of history, as an unborn babe, he nevertheless, upon bare suspicion was made to suffer from the brutal treatment of an enraged and ungovernable people. Awed by the circumstances of finding the assassin of the President in his house, he having imposed upon his generous nature by false statements as to the origin of his accident, his crime was simply not admitting the service rendered to Booth in setting his leg. Under the excitement prevailing at the time, Dr. Mudd denied any knowledge of Booth, or that he had been at his house. He was afraid that to admit service rendered even under the misapprehension that the accident occurred by a fall from his horse while traveling through the county, as he had been told by Booth, would certainly secure his arrest and incarceration, his courage forsook him and he denied his having been with him, when upon search of his house the boot leg was found which had been cut from the broken limb with "J. Wilkes" written within it. To then tell the whole truth availed him nothing. He was tried for conspiracy in the assassination, convicted and sentenced to the Dry Tortugas for life, when after some three years he was pardoned by President Johnson. It is an injustice to the memory of a generous, warm-hearted man to associate him with the guilty Booth. His only crime being rendering medical aid to Booth in his suffering, he not knowing Booth to be guilty of any crime, but laboring under the false impression he had sustained his accident in an innocent fall from his horse.

He was in his 48th year at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn his great loss.

Public Schools.

It will be seen by a notice published elsewhere that the board of School Commissioners have determined to close all schools in the county that do not for the future have an average attendance of six pupils. We have repeatedly urged upon parents the duty that is incumbent on them of sending their children regularly to school and we will again briefly allude to this subject. This is a duty which they not only owe to the children but one they owe to the public, in fact an imparative public necessity. On our children will devolve in after years the duty of controlling our public affairs; and how, do you think, those affairs will be managed or what will become of our children if we allow them, through our carelessness or indifference, to grow up ignorant of even the very rudiments of a common school education, the lever and motive power of all enterprises. The report from the last census shows that illiteracy to an alarming extent exists in the United States, the Southern States especially being far behind in this regard, and even here in Maryland the per cent. of illiterate and uneducated persons is very great. Now public schools are convenient to persons in every section of this county and their doors are open to all classes who desire to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded them, and parents can have no excuse for not sending their children on account of scarcity of schools or distance to go. They should not send them once, as is too frequently the case, and have their names entered on the roll and then perhaps keep them home, for the most trivial cause, for one or two weeks at a time, but send them regularly and see that they go. This irregular attendance at school is absolutely a drawback to the child, while also a source of great annoyance and hinderance to the teacher and the rest of the pupils who may be in the same grade. If any school in your neighborhood should be closed by reason of not obtaining the requisite average you can blame no one but yourselves and if this should be done in one or two instances while it would certainly be hard on those who appreciate the advantages thus offered, it might perhaps open the eyes of the indifferent ones in other localities and make them act more carefully and promptly. We hope the late order of the board of commissioners will have the desired effect.

Alumni Banquet.

The following account of the recent banquet of the Alumni Association of the University of Georgetown will be read with interest by the many former students of that institution who are numbered among the readers of the TIMES. We noticed recently the annual election of the officers of the Association. They are as follows: President, Dr Johnson Eliot; Secretary, James Mackall; Treasurer, D D'O Callaghan; Chairman of Executive Committee, Charles C Lancaster, of this county. The following is the account of the banquet as given by the Washington *Critic*:

The annual banquet of the Alumni Association of Georgetown University was held last Thursday night at Welcker's. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest, for it was a union of the two associations which have heretofore existed, and the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed. The tables were elaborately decorated with flowers, while elaborate designs of confections added to their attractiveness. Promptly at 8:30 o'clock the folding doors of the reception-room were thrown open, and the seats at the tables were occupied by the following graduates:

William F. Quicksall, F. J. Kieckhofer, Jas M. Mackall, Neal T. Murray, Dr. Johnson Eliot, Dr. Ralph Walsh, Dr. J. Tabor Johnson, Dr. F. O. St. Clair, Dr. Thomas E. McArdle, Dr. J. Harrison Crooke, B. T. Hanley, J. H. Ralston, Hon. V. D. Stockbridge, A. J. Falls, George W. Salter, A. S. Taylor, Moses Bradshaw, T. A. Lambert, E. D. F. Brady, Charles A. Elliott, C. C. Lancaster, Dr. Daniel B. Clarke, Dr. P. J. Murphy, Dr. Frank T. Howe, Dr. J. W. Van Arnim, Dr. J. L. Eliott, Alex. Porter Morse, William E. Jones, E. J. Dallas, E. J. Thomas, D. O'Callaghan, J. P. Lothrop. Charles Camper, S. W. Curriden, F. G. Saxton, C. O. Brown, J. B. Church, L. A. Bailey General Duncan S. Walker, Dr. John L. Wolfe, Sevellon A. Brown, Thomas Duke, E. A. Dick, Charles L. Hughes, Professor J. C. Foertsch, J. C. S. Burger, Dr. H. W. Turpin, Thomas A. Stephens, F. B. P. Sands, G. Ernest Hamilton, Dr. G. Lloyd Magruder and Dennis A. Kane. The following were also present as invited guests; Hon. R. W. Townsend, Dr. F. A. Ashford, Professor Charles W. Hoffman, L. L. D. When the courses were finished the company was rapped to order and Mr. William F. Quicksall read letters of regret from Rev. J. A. Doonan, president of Georgetown College; Rev. Robert Fulton, o New York; Mr. M. F. Morris, Rev. William F. Clark, of Baltimore; Dr. Claude Van Bibber, Hon. J. Hubley Ashton, John R Ross, and Stanley S. Stout.—Then followed an address of welcome, "Nunc est bibendum, sodales," by Mr. T. A. Lambert, who most happily alluded to the bond of union now existing between all the the graduates of the university. The toast to the University of Georgetown, "utraque unum," was intended to bring forth a response from Rev Father Whiteford, president of the College, but in his absence Mr. Charles A. Eliot made an excellent address, which was loudly applauded. The other toasts were as follows: College reminiscences, "Eheu, fugaces, Postume, Postume, labuntur anni," Mr. E. D. Brady; science and the arts, "Venimus ad summum fortunæ: fingimus, atque Psallimus, et luctamur Achivis doctius unctis," Dr. P. J. Murphy; the alumni, "Verum prone meras et studium lucri; misce stultitiam consilus brevem," Mr. A. P. Morse.

Sleighing.

On Monday and Tuesday although the ground was rough and sleighing none of the best still our young people took advantage of the opportunity of engaging in the pleasant pastime, and a number of sleighs made their appearance in town on those days. With few exceptions, however, all who ventured here from any distance had to leave their sleighs with the blacksmith to have the damage that rough ice had caused them repaired. Two of our county fathers came in on Tuesday riding a portion of their vehicle and friend Montgomery says he would'nt have minded it if walking had'nt been so confounded bad We in company with a friend ventured out on Monday evening to see some lady friends, but we were compelled to sit on our friend's shoulder and he was compelled to sit on the horse's tail before we got to our destination, and but for the kindness of our host, we should have been forced to assume the same position, or walk, on our homeward journey. It was tolerably pleasant for us as Willie is soft and fat, but Willie says it was d——d rough on him.

Disagreeable.

We have had weather and plenty of it this week, and it is almost impossible for us to say whether the wet or cold weather has been most disagreeable, though both having combined this week have given us a wretched state of affairs. On Saturday night we were visited by a warm rain which had the effect of making our thoroughfares slushy and rendered walking impossible and travel in any manner most disagreeable on Sunday. This was followed by freezing weather on Sunday night and Monday, and the road beds then became a mass of rough and rugged ice. On Wednesday a cold, drizzling rain visited us, which freezing as it fell still causes travel most uncomfortable. This state of affairs has had the effect of keeping people closely at home and none but those whose urgent business called them away or the more venturesome youngsters whose love of sleighing could not contain them, and the most of whom got broken vehicles for their pains, ventured far from their homes during this week.

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Our citizens have all succeeded in filling their ice houses during the recent cold snap.

Several cases of diphtheria are reported in different sections of the county. We advise all to be cautious.

We are in receipt of a communication from a valued correspondent which a lack of space prevents us from publishing this week.

Mr. Wm Boswell has retired from merchandizing in this village. Mr. Boswel retires after a successful career of more than thirty years.

A lady refused a sleigh ride recently because the gallant who asked her drove a span of mules. The verdict of her sex is that she was too particular.

Washing on Willis, our worthy colored carpenter, was married on Tuesday last to Miss Skinner at Doncaster. We wish them much joy.

Ayer's Pills are a general favorite, because of their powerful yet gentle operation. Medical men prefer them for nervous or delicate constitutions.

The disagreeable weather and the sloppy condition of the roads on Sunday made the attendance at the churches throughout the county on that day rather slim.

Mr. F. DeSales Mudd, the polite and obliging treasurer of the county and his affable wife have again taken up their residence at the "Centennial."

The visitors to town on Tuesday were again unusually small. The county commissioners were in session though but little business was transacted.

On of the drawbacks of married life is sickness of the little ones For a Cold or Cough you cannot find a better remedy than Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Nearly all physicians prescribe it and no family should be without it.

Pomfret turned out in full force on last Monday night. A four mule team and a big sleigh brought the inhabitants of that infant burgh to town, where they were duly regaled at the "Centennial."

Good resolutions formed at the beginning of the year, have already commenced being broken. We heard one of our young men remark last week that good resolutions were easy to form but the "devil" to keep.

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Miss Gussie Young, daughter of of Mr. "Hop" Young, of Washington county, and Miss Rose Clagett, daughter of Dr. Clagett of Baltimore, are visiting the family of Mr. Jos. A. Gray. Both are charming belles and most pleasant companions.

No ice the postponement of the sale of woodland which was to have taken place last Tuesday. The postponement was made necessary on account of the inclemency of the weather and the bad condition of the roads.

Mr. John S. Greer lost a valuable horse last Friday night, it is supposed from exhaustion. He rode the animal to Benedict and back on that day, and just as he was in the act of putting him in the stable on his return home the horse fell dead. Moral: Do not take long rides while the roads are in such a bad plight.

We give to-day a biographical sketch of the late Father Wiget from a gifted pen and one who is familiar with his past history. Father Wiget, by his piety and goodness, had so entwined himself in the hearts of our people, that we fell sure we are forgiven for devoting to his memory so much of our space.

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OBITUARY.

Death has been reaping a ghastly harvest during the last few weeks in and around Bryantown.

On Friday, January 5, at 9.30 A. M., Mrs. ANN R. FARRALL, wife of Richard Farrall, Sr., departed this life in the fiftieth year of her age. She was buried on Sunday, immediately after mass, at St. Mary's church. The funeral was largely attended and Father Southgate delivered a few very feeling remarks.

Mrs. Farrell was the oldest daughter of Mrs. Augustus Langley, who is still living, at the advanced age of eighty years. Circumscribed, as was the sphere of here life, she having been born, lived and died within the shadow of old St. Mary's church, yet it was an useful and an edifying one.

She was mild, gentle and unostentatious in her manner, and charitable to all, especially the poor and the needy. But it was within the limits of the domestic circle and in the church, that her lovely example shone conspicuously, and her rare modesty and virture attracted and charmed.

She died as she lived an exemplary Catholic, a devoted wife and a loving mother surrounded by a sorrwing husband and devoted children, and fortified by all the sweet and tender consolotions of her holy religion. Of such as she was it is written in Holy Writ. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." LOSTOW.

"In the midst of life we are in death" How mournfully true do these solemn words come home to the bereaved hearts at this solemn time! How wonderful the dispensations of an inscrutable Providence! One short week ago, the afflicted writer of this sad notice spent the night at the house of Dr. SAMUEL A. MUDD, and now he is no more.

Every day we hear of the death of some one; read of the departure of some mortal like ourselves to that other world, and we pause to breathe a sigh and pass on to our daily avocations. But when the fond husband, the devoted parent, the courteous, and obliging friend is summoned away from amongst us, we stand aghast in surprise, awe-stricken by the announcement of the sad news, news too sad too terrible to be fully realized.

And yet alas! it is too true, too true that Dr. SAMUEL A. MUDD, our highly esteemed and most worthy friend has departed from amongst us, has gone to that "bourne whence no traveler returns."

"Death loves a shining mark," and no mark more shining could he have selected in this our community. Courteous, brave and honorable, kind, charitable and entertaining, Dr. SAMUEL A. MUDD was honored and respected by each and every one, who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, for "none knew but to love him, none named him but to praise."

But our feelings of poignant sorrow are lightened, the gloom of despondency is removed, when we reflect, that he died as he had lived a sincere Christian and a devout, practical Catholic, and that in his last sad moments he was surrouned by his loving wife and fond children and sorrowing relatives and his departing soul fortified by all the tender and consoling offices of the holy church, to which he was proud to belong and in which he was born, loved and died.

Rest peacefully dear friend! no human braver heart than thine ever beat in breast;—no nobler soul ever wore a mortel canopy. Thine is the honor and thine the boast to have been true to thyself, true to thy family, true to thy country and true to thy God, and no nobler epitaph could be written on the monumental marble of the most honored hero.

It shall be a duty and a pleasure to plant a flower on thy grave, and as we cannot see your loved face once again in this valley of tears, we trust we may meet again in that higher, nobler, better world alone, where those long-parted meet again, and those who meet shall part no more.

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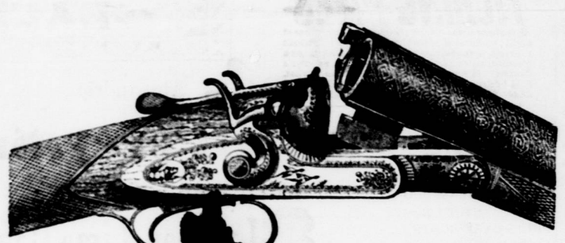

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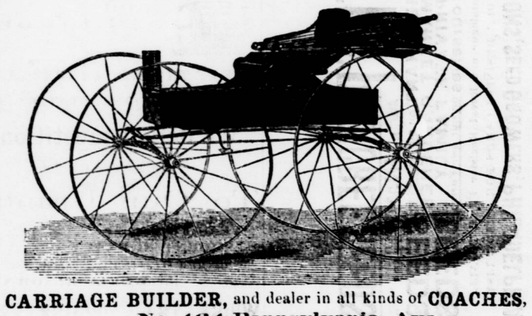

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